

Below are a few introductory paragraphs.

The thesis statements are underlined to show you the beginning construction of a general essay.

SAMPLE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS WITH THESIS

Topic: William Faulkner: The Dying Rose of Emily

1. In "A Rose for Emily", William Faulkner's use of imagery sets a tone for the general theme of the story, death. A rose to most is seen as an object of beauty, with such a sweet smell. In this story, we see Emily much like the rose, an object of beauty and desire that soon begins to wither and die. Faulkner, through great use of imagery, paints a vivid of a dying rose, Miss Emily.

Topic: James Joyce: "Araby"

2. In James Joyce's short story Araby he is successful in creating an intense narrative. He does this in such a way that he enables the reader to feel what is it actually like to live in Dublin at the turn of the century when the Catholic Church had an enormous amount of authority over Dubliner's. The reader is able to feel the narrators exhausting struggle to escape this influence of the Catholic Church by replacing it with a materialistic driven love for a girl.

Topic: Cloning

3. Imagine lying in a hospital bed about to die of heart failure, liver failure, or even kidney failure. Now imagine if the only way to live was to have an exact replica of your heart, liver or kidney. The only way that this could be possible was to have an exact clone made of your organ(s) through a scientific process called cloning. Now imagine that every piece of meat or animal that you eat was perfectly healthy for you. Once again the only way possible to do this would be to genetically clone an animal. Although many people may believe that cloning is omnipotent or unethical, one must realize the beneficial outcomes that cloning can bring forth to the human race.

Topic: The Deviant Tone

4. Among the popular forms of alternative music is a lasting example of an embryonic culture known as rap. Rap music is very controversial. Some people think it is a fine piece of art while others think it is a horrid, non-talented, way of expressing feelings. Some of the lyrics that go along with this type of music are very explicit and have a large influence on our future teens and adults. While the lyrics are explicit, they can also be degrading, using both sexual and racist comments, to not only women but men as well. Also, rap music causes a lot of problems and disagreements between children and their parents due to their different styles. With today's youth getting more involved with rap they become more influenced by what the songs are saying and they can sometimes affect them in a negative way or convince them to do things that would be considered wrong in today's society.